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offices, especially during...especially during a campaign year, and these ads look very much like political campaigns. They could be run, I believe, with only the office of that person mentioned in the ads, without adding in the name and the face and the voice, et cetera, of the official who's actually in charge of that office. And it...it's not about any one particular office. It's not about any one particular person. It's been something that's been happening out there with more and more regularity and I believe it is particularly inappropriate...inappropriate in an election year. It gives a tremendous advantage to incumbents, and I would like you to seriously consider the amendment. It is very short. It says, beginning January 1 of the year in which the Governor is elected and continuing through the day of the general election during such year, no state funds shall be used for any advertising or promotional materials which refer to any one or more of the following state officeholders by name: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Auditor of Public Accounts. It's very straightforward. I would appreciate the discussion and I would appreciate your support.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on AM3341 to the bill itself, LB 1086. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers waives that opportunity. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise to support this. I think this is an excellent idea. With...may I ask Senator Schimek a question, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Was this a bill that was introduced into your committee?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.